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NPS Seeks Input on Fire Island National Seashore Public Scoping Meetings Continue this September, November



A successful dialogue was initiated during public scoping meetings held on Fire Island this past summer. Fire Island National Seashore is continuing those programs this September and October, in advance of the formal General Management Planning process.

The National Park Service has begun work on a new general management plan and environmental impact statement for Fire Island National Seashore. Sharing information about the planning process and seeking public input are essential first steps in this effort. In July and August, the National Park Service held a series of successful open houses inviting the public to learn more about the planning process and share their ideas and opinions about the future management and programs of Fire Island National Seashore.

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This fall, Fire Island National Seashore will hold a second round of public scoping meetings on Long Island and in New York City. If you were unable to participate in one of our summer open houses, we encourage you to join us for one of the fall sessions. Meeting dates and locations are as follows:

- Monday, **September 25, 2006** **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**
[Mastic Beach Property Owners Association](#)
1 Neighborhood Road
Mastic, NY 11951
- Tuesday, **September 26, 2006** **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**
[Patchogue Theater Lobby](#)
71 E. Main Street
Patchogue, NY 11772
- Wednesday, **September 27, 2006** **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**
[Marine Science Research Center](#)
Stony Brook Campus
Endeavor Hall, Room 120
Stony Brook, NY 11794
- Tuesday, **November 14, 2006** **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**
[All Souls Church](#) (Reidy Hall)
1157 Lexington Avenue (at 80th Street)
New York, NY 10021

A new management plan is needed for Fire Island National Seashore to address a variety of new management issues that have emerged since the current plan was completed in 1977 and that are therefore not adequately addressed. We are conducting these public scoping meetings this summer and fall to create a solid foundation upon which to build the new general management plan.

Superintendent Mike Reynolds noted “Over 500 people stopped by one of our 8 open house locations this summer to learn more about the planning process and share their thoughts with us. The topics discussed were wide ranging from the condition of the boardwalks to deer management to vehicle use on the island to coastal erosion. The one unifying theme was the passion with which people care about this place and its future. We are looking forward to equally well-attended and productive meetings this fall.”

For more information, visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/fiis or contact Michael Reynolds, Superintendent, Fire Island National Seashore, 120 Laurel Street, Patchogue, NY 11772. The project’s electronic mail address is fire_island_gmp@nps.gov. There is also a new planning electronic newsletter you can subscribe to at the park’s website.

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